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COMMAND HISTORY 1995

CHRONOLOGY

01JAN-05FEB	SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY
06FEB	SEA TRIALS
07FEB-17FEB	SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY CONTINUES
18FEB-05MAR	INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY
03MAR	AVCERT
21FEB	LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT
05MAR-09MAR	UNDERWAY, AMMO ON LOAD WEPSTA
	CHARLESTON, SC
10MAR-12MAR	UPKEEP, MAYPORT, FL
13MAR-12APR	COUNTER NARCOTICS OPERATIONS WITH CTU 4.4.1
18MAR	SOUTHBOUND TRANSIT OF PANAMA CANAL
23MAR	BSF NAVSTA PANAMA CITY
03APR	NORTHBOUND TRANSIT OF PANAMA CANAL
06APR-08APR	INPORT MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA
09APR-12APR	UNDERWAY ETG
13APR-28APR	INPORT MAYPORT
29APR-02MAY	MOCK OPPE
01MAY-02MAY	UNDERWAY FOR DRILLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS
03MAY-08MAY	OPPE PREPARATIONS
09MAY-12MAY	OPPE
11MAY	UNDERWAY FOR DRILLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS
12MAY-18MAY	UPKEEP, MAYPORT, FL
19MAY-12JUL	UNDERWAY, BALTOPS 95
22MAY	BSF BERMUDA
27MAY	BSF PONTO DELGADA, AZORES
03JUN-06JUN	PORTVISIT AARHUS, DENMARK
07JUN-09JUN	BALTOPS PHASE I
10JUN-12JUN	PORTVISIT COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
13JUN-17JUN	BALTOPS PHASE II (NATO)
18JUN-22JUN	PORTVISIT RIGA, LATVIA
23JUN-27JUN	PORTVISIT BALTIYSK, RUSSIA
28JUN	TRANSIT KRISTIANSAND, NORWAY
29JUN-01JUL	PORTVISIT KRISTIANSAND, NORWAY
02JUL-12JUL	TRANSIT TO MAYPORT BSF PONTO DELGADA,
	BSF BERMUDA
13JUL-31JUL	UPKEEP, MAYPORT, FL
01AUG-04AUG	UNDERWAY JAX OPAREA FOR TYPE TRAINING
05AUG-27AUG	UPKEEP, MAYPORT, FL
28AUG-30AUG	UNDERWAY JAX OPAREA FOR TYPE TRAINING
30AUG-05SEP	UPKEEP, MAYPORT, FL
06SEP-08SEP	UNDERWAY JAX OPAREA
09SEP-06OCT	COUNTER NARCOTICS OPERATIONS WITH CTU 4.4.1
13SEP	BSF CARTAGENA, COLUMBIA
20SEP-24SEP	PORTCALL CARTAGENA, COLUMBIA
01OCT	BSF CARTAGENA, COLUMBIA
07OCT-12OCT	PORTCALL FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA BROWARD
	COUNTY NAVY DAY'S CELEBRATION
13OCT-02NOV	UPKEEP, MAYPORT, FL

03NOV-06NOV

07NOV-09NOV

09NOV

10NOV-16NOV

17NOV-03DEC

04DEC-14DEC

15DEC-31DEC

TRANSIT TO ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO

ASW PCO OPERATIONS RR OPAREA

BSF ROOSEVELT ROADS

EN ROUTE MAYPORT- TYPE TRAINING

UPKEEP, MAYPORT, FL

OPFOR FOR JTF EXERCISE VS USS GW BATTLEGROUP

HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP

NARRATIVE

TAYLOR started the year by finishing a Selected Restricted Availability begun in October 1994. The ship got underway for sea trials on 4 February and remained underway only for the day. The availability officially finished on 17 February, but work continued in an Intermediate Maintenance Availability that lasted until 05 March. During this period, the ship underwent an Aviation Certification, a Logistics Management Assessment, and a visit from the Engineering Training Group. TAYLOR had her first overnight underway time of the year from 05 to 08 March. The ship proceeded to the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, S.C. to on load weapons. TAYLOR returned to homeport on the night of 9 March and remained in port for continued upkeep and additional preparations until 12 March.

On 13 March TAYLOR sailed for counter-drug operations under the operational control of CTU 4.4.1 and JIATF-E. On 18 March TAYLOR transited southbound through the Panama Canal and continued directly out to sea for operations in the eastern Pacific Ocean. TAYLOR was in Rodman Naval Station for a brief stop for fuel on 23 March and returned through the canal northbound on 03 April. For her successful counter-drug efforts, TAYLOR was rewarded with a port call in Montego Bay, Jamaica. On the return trip to home port, TAYLOR received her second visit of the year from the Engineering Training Group. The ship arrived back in homeport on 13 March and remained there for upkeep until 28 April. The Engineering Department spent their inport time gearing up for a

challenging mock Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). TAYLOR continued her at sea preparations with drills and demonstrations from 01 to 02 May. The ship continued extensive examination preparations inport from 03 to 08 May. From 09 to 12 May TAYLOR completed the OPPE examination, including the at sea portion 11 MAY. The ship received an overall grade of good for the inspection. TAYLOR next was inport for upkeep and pre-overseas movement preparations from 12 to 18 May. The ship departed homeport for BALTIC OPERATIONS 1995 on 19 May.

This deployment lasted until 12 July. TAYLOR's first event en route across the Atlantic was a brief stop for fuel in Bermuda. After crossing the Atlantic, the ship again stopped for fuel in Ponto del Gada, Azores. TAYLOR's first port visit was with the multi-national force in Aarhus, Denmark from 03 to 06 June. There were a variety of personnel exchanges and events, most notably with former Soviet-bloc countries. The operation was divided into two phases-NATO and non-NATO. TAYLOR also visited Copenhagen, Denmark; Riga, Latvia; Baltiysk, Russia; and Kristiansand, Norway. The highlight of these visits was the extensive time spent interacting with the Russian and Latvian Navies at their respective Baltic Fleet Headquarters. TAYLOR's wardroom and crew had numerous opportunities to tour the former Soviet facilities and ships, and to enjoy the Russian and Latvian people's overflowing hospitality. TAYLOR crossed the Atlantic on the return leg from 02 to 12 July and returned to Mayport on the morning of 13 July. The ship remained inport for upkeep until 31 July.

TAYLOR's next underway period was from 01 to 04 August for

type training. Other similar underway times were from 28 to 30 August and 06 to 08 September. On 9 September TAYLOR once again sailed for counter-drug operations in the Caribbean. TAYLOR led the effort in the operations by being charged as the AntiAir/AntiSurface Warfare Commanders. TAYLOR's efforts culminated in the interdiction of approximately seventy-five million dollars worth of cocaine on one cigarette boat. During the operations TAYLOR made two brief stops for fuel anchoring outside the Colombian city of Cartagena on 13 September and 01 October. A port visit was made to the same City from 20 to 24 September. TAYLOR returned to the States for a port visit in Port Everglades (Fort Lauderdale, FL) in conjunction with Broward County Navy Day celebrations from 07 to 12 October. The ship returned to Mayport on 13 October for leave and upkeep and remained there until 02 November.

TAYLOR was again underway on 03 November enroute to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for a brief stop for fuel before engaging in ASW PCO Operations from 07 to 09 November. After another brief stop for fuel in Roosevelt Roads, TAYLOR transited north to Mayport conducting various training drills enroute. The ship re-entered port on 17 November. TAYLOR remained in Mayport for upkeep from 18 November to 03 December before getting underway one last time for the year.

TAYLOR spent her final 1995 underway period acting as a member of the opposing forces for the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON battlegroup's deployment work ups from 04 to 14 December. TAYLOR returned to port and stood down for the holiday season to close out 1995.

USS TAYLOR (FFG-50)
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS TAYLOR is a multi-mission guided missile frigate capable of performing a variety of roles. The installation of the Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS), the Tactical Towed Array Sonar System (TACTAS), LAMPS MK III helicopters, and MK 92 Mod 6 Fire Control System gives TAYLOR a combat capability far beyond the initial expectations for the FFG-7 class. The Air Department is composed of an SH-60B LAMPS MK III helicopter detachment from HSL-42 based at Naval Air Station Mayport, FL.

USS TAYLOR is assigned to Destroyer Squadron Twenty Four. TAYLOR is part of the Naval Surface Forces, United States Atlantic Fleet. The ship is homeported in Mayport, FL and is commanded by Commander Gregory J. Cornish, USN.